

# ***Headquarters U.S. Air Force***

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*Integrity - Service - Excellence*

## **Wear of Identification Badges and Devices**





# Headquarters Air Force Badge



- ▶ On 28 September 2005, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force approved the design and development of the Headquarters Air Force Badge.
- ▶ The Badge provides a distinct identification of military staff members assigned and, after assignment, indicates that the Service member has satisfactorily served on the Headquarters Air Force Staff or Secretary of the Air Force Staff within the National Capital Region.
- ▶ The symbolism incorporated in the Great Seal of the Department of the Air Force on the badge is as follows:
  - The predominant colors, ultramarine blue and gold, are the colors of the Air Force through transition from the Air Corps.
  - The crest includes the American Bald Eagle, which is the symbol of the United States and air striking power.
  - The shield, divided with the nebula line formation, representing clouds, is charged with the heraldic thunderbolt. The thunderbolt portrays striking power through the medium of air.



# Manner of Wearing

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- ▶ HAF and SECAF members will be authorized to wear the badge.
  - ▶ Permanent wear of the badge is authorized for personnel assigned or previously assigned to a qualifying position for at least 365 consecutive days.
  - ▶ Reserve Members are eligible to wear the badge if they are assigned to any organization within HAF or Secretariat Staff. Recalled reservists are eligible for permanent award of the badge once they have served a total of 365 days.
  - ▶ IMA positions are eligible for permanent wear after being assigned for 1 year in the augmentee position.
  - ▶ The wear of the badge is not mandatory. Members must purchase the badge from the Military Clothing Sales Store at their own expense.
  - ▶ The badge is available in two sizes, large (standard) and miniature.
  - ▶ The large badge is worn on the Air Force blue blouse (male and female).
  - ▶ The miniature badge will be worn on the Air Force Blue Shirt and Mess Dress Jacket.
  - ▶ Badges will not be worn on the overcoat.
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# Order of Precedence

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- ▶ The order of precedence for the HAF badge in relation to the Office Secretary of Defense (OSD) or Joint Chief of Staff (JCS) Identification badges.
  - When wearing three badges, OSD and JCS have priority over the HAF Badge.
- ▶ Position of wear for Identification badges:
  - The Presidential Service identification badge is worn on the **Right** side.
  - Vice-Presidential Service identification badge is worn on the **Right** side.



# Men's Service Dress Coat



- ▶ Air Force members are highly encouraged to wear their current occupational badge.
- ▶ Aeronautical and chaplain badges are mandatory, others are optional. Wear only mid-size or regular badges, do not mix sizes.
- ▶ Center aeronautical, occupational, or miscellaneous badge  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the top row of ribbons. Center additional badge  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the first one.
- ▶ Center duty or miscellaneous badge  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  inches below top of welt pocket and centered, and/or on right side centered  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the nametag.
- ▶ Center third badge  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the nametag
- ▶ Exceptions: Missile badge is only worn  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  inches below top of welt pocket and centered. Excellence-In-Competition badge is worn centered on the welt pocket.



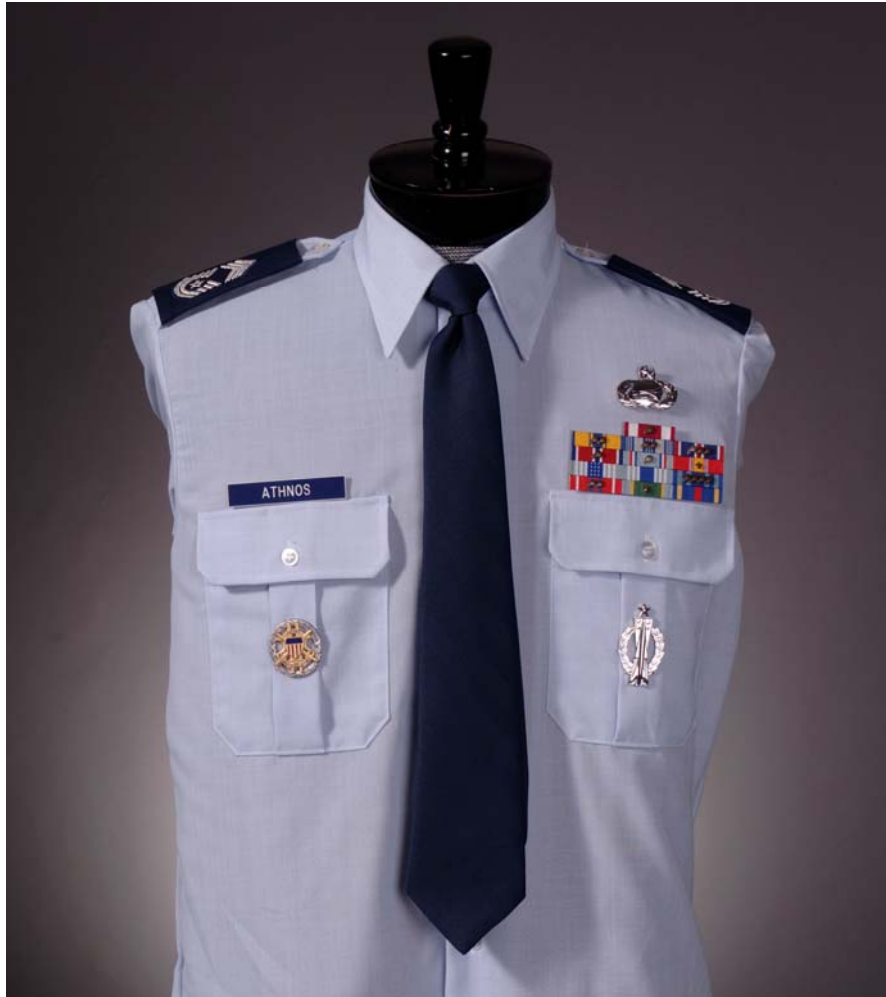
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# Men's Short-Sleeve Blouse

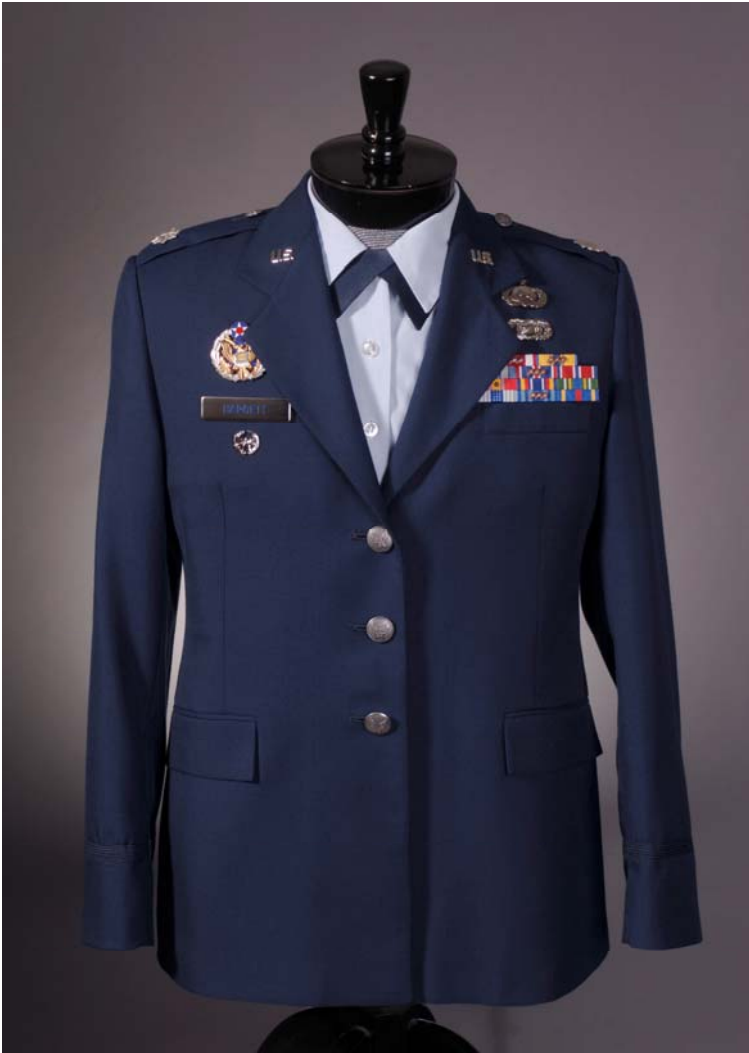


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- ▶ Aeronautical and chaplain badges are mandatory, others are optional. Wear only mid-size or regular badges, do not mix sizes.
- ▶ Center duty or miscellaneous badge on lower portion of the left pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket, and/or on the right pocket between left and right edges and bottom of flap and pocket.
- ▶ Exceptions: Missile badge is only worn centered on the left pocket. Excellence-In-Competition badge is worn centered on top edge of left pocket flap.





# Women's Service Dress Coat



- ▶ Air Force members are highly encouraged to wear their current occupational badge.
- ▶ Aeronautical and chaplain badges are mandatory, others are optional. Wear only mid-size or regular badges, do not mix sizes.
- ▶ Center aeronautical, occupational, or miscellaneous badge  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the top row of ribbons. Center additional badge  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the first one.
- ▶ If placing duty or miscellaneous badges above the nametag, center an additional badge  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the first one.
- ▶ Command Insignia: Current commander center  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above nametag; graduated commander center  $\frac{1}{2}$  below nametag. If duty badges are worn they will be worn  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above command insignia (current commander). AF Command insignia is mandatory.
- ▶ Exceptions: The missile badge and Excellence-In-Competition badge is worn 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches below top of welt pocket and centered or on the right side  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the name tag.





# Women's Service Dress Coat



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- ▶ Aeronautical and chaplain badges are mandatory, others are optional. Wear only mid-size or regular badges, do not mix sizes.
- ▶ Center aeronautical, occupational, or miscellaneous badge ½ inch above the top row of ribbons. Center additional badge ½ inch above the first one.



# Women's Short-Sleeved Blouse



- ▶ Center name tag on right side, even with 1 ½ inches higher or lower than the first exposed button.
- ▶ Center ribbons on left side parallel with ground. Align bottom of the ribbons with the bottom of the name tag. Ribbons are optional. If worn, all ribbons and devices will be worn.
- ▶ Air Force members are highly encouraged to wear their current occupational badge. Aeronautical and chaplain badges are mandatory, others are optional.
- ▶ Center aeronautical, occupational, or miscellaneous badge ½ inch above the ribbons. When not wearing ribbons, center badge parallel to the name tag.
- ▶ Center duty or identification badge ½ inch above name tag. AF Command Insignia, current commander center ½ inch above name tag; graduated commander ½ below name tag.
- ▶ Identification badges will be worn ½ above or below the Command Insignia



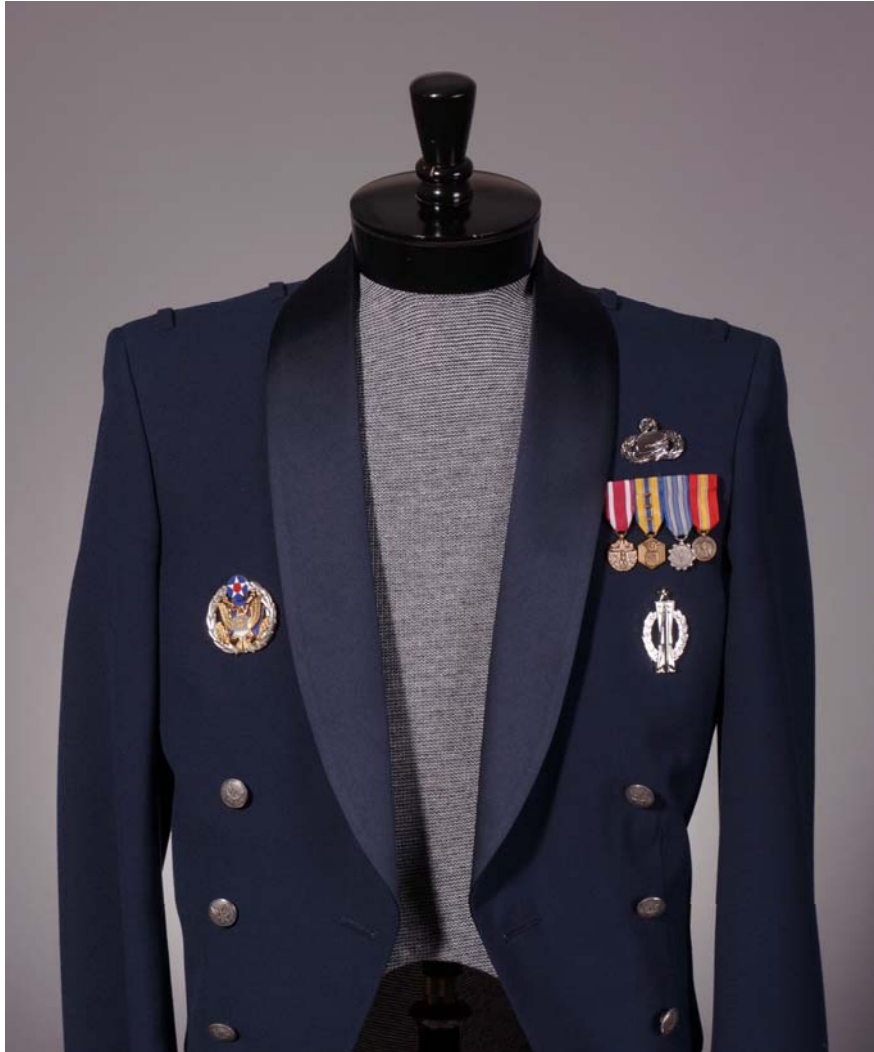
# Male Mess Dress Jacket



- ▶ Wear only mid-size or regular badges, do not mix sizes.
- ▶ Center aeronautical, occupational, or miscellaneous badge 1/2 inch above the top row of medals or when not authorized medals, midway between shoulder and top button.
- ▶ Wear second badge 1/2 inch above the first badge when authorized. Center duty or miscellaneous badge 1/2 inch below bottom row of medals or comparable position when no medals are authorized, and/or on top right side in same relative position as those badges worn on left, this includes Missile and Excellence-In-Competition badges.
- ▶ Large duty badges will be worn (examples: Presidential, OSD, Joint Staff)
- ▶ Center all miniature medals between lapel and arm seam and midway between top shoulder seam and top button of jacket.
- ▶ NOTE: The large HAF badge is authorized until the miniature badge is available in clothing sales. Once available, the large HAF badge will be replaced by the miniature badge on Mess Dress Uniform.



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# Female Mess Dress Jacket



- ▶ Wear only mid-size or regular badges, do not mix sizes.
- ▶ Center aeronautical, occupational, or miscellaneous badge 1/2 inch above the top row of medals or when not authorized medals, midway between shoulder and top button.
- ▶ Wear second badge 1/2 inch above the first badge when authorized. Center duty or miscellaneous badge on top right side in same relative position as those badges worn on left, this include Missile and Excellence-In-Competition badges
- ▶ If placing duty or miscellaneous badges on the right side, center additional duty badge 1/2 inch above the first.
- ▶ Exceptions: The missile badge and Excellence-In-Competition badge is worn 1 1/2 inches below top of welt pocket and centered.
- ▶ NOTE: The large HAF badge is authorized until the miniature badge is available in clothing sales. Once available, the large HAF badge will be replaced by the miniature badge on Mess Dress Uniform.



# Female Mess Dress Jacket



- ▶ Wear only mid-size or regular badges, do not mix sizes.
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